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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Request for Continued Examination

1. Examiner acknowledges the request for continued examination (RCE) filed on January 10, 2007.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on January 4, 2006 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lacombe U.S. Patent No. 6,496,317.

Regarding claim 1, Lacombe discloses a write current circuit (Fig. 4) for a mass media write head comprising a head write driver circuit adapted to drive the write head with a write current signal having a positive write edge and a negative write edge (e.g. signals WHX and WHY), and a further circuit coupled with the head write driver circuit and adapted to selectively provide pulsing signals which independently define an overshoot amplitude of the positive write edge and negative write edge (i.e. signal transitions) respectively of the write current signal, wherein the further circuit is a differential current source (column 7, lines 10-17 and 27-37).

Regarding claim 3, Lacombe discloses a write current circuit wherein the differential current source is programmable (column 7, lines 59-65 and column 9, lines 40-43).

Regarding claim 4, Lacombe discloses a write current circuit wherein the further circuit is adapted to selectively provide a defined amplitude of each of the overshoot amplitudes (column 9, lines 19-44).

Regarding claim 5, Lacombe discloses a write current circuit wherein the further circuit is programmable for providing differential overshoot amplitudes for the positive write edge and the negative write edge (column 7, lines 59-65 and column 9, lines 40-43).

Regarding claim 6, Lacombe discloses a write current circuit wherein the further circuit includes a delay circuit for selectively providing a defined pulse width (i.e. delay period) for each of the overshoots (column 9, lines 22-25).

Regarding claim 7, Lacombe discloses a write current circuit wherein the delay circuit is programmable for providing differential overshoot pulse widths for the positive write edge and the negative write edge (column 9, lines 52-55).

Regarding claims 8-17, claims 8-17 have limitations similar to those treated in the above rejections of claims 1-7, and are met by the reference as discussed above.

Regarding claims 18 and 19, method claims 18 and 19 are drawn to the method of using the corresponding apparatus claimed in claims 1-9. Therefore method claims 18 and 19 correspond to apparatus claims 1-9 and are rejected for the same reasons of anticipation as used above.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed December 1, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. On page 6, Applicant argues that Lacombe fails to disclose or suggest a circuit coupled to the write head driver circuit and adaptive to selectively provide pulsing signals which define independently an overshoot amplitude of the positive write edge and the negative write edge respective of the write current signal because signals WBX and WBY do not relate to the amplitude but relate to the duration of the coil overshoot current. Examiner however, respectfully disagrees because on column 7, a line 27-37, Lacombe clearly discloses that signals WBX and WBY are overshoot signals and cause the overshoot current to turn on and off. Furthermore, the relationship between the overshoot signals WBX/WBY and the amplitude of the overshoot current in Fig.6. Therefore it is considered that signals WBX and WBY do in fact relate to the amplitude of the coil overshoot current.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniell L. Negrón whose telephone number is 571-272-7559. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30am-5:00pm).

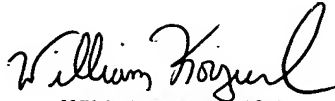
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William R. Korzuch can be reached on 571-272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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